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1. EMBOFF REVIEWED INFORMATION CONTAINED REFTELS A AND B FOR FONOFF MIDDLE EAST DIRECTOR AUGUST 28. DIRECTOR EXPRESSED GRATITUDE AS WELL AS INTEREST IN ANY INFORMATION USG MAY WISH TO PROVIDE ON OIL NEGOTIATIONS IN FUTURE. DURING BRIEF DISCUSSION OF BUNKER HUNT NATIONALIZATION, EMBOFF ALSO REVIEWED US POSITION ON NATIONALIZATIONS OUTLINED PARAS 2 A THROUGH E IN STATE 167569.

2. PRIVATE INDUSTRY SOURCE TOLD EMBOFF AUGUST 29 THAT LIBYAN GOVERNMENT OFFICIAL HAD CONTACTED PRIME MINISTER LEBURTON
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DURING LATTER'S VISIT TO MALTA IN JULY TO DISCUSS MARKETING OF

LIBYAN OIL. LEBURTON REPORTEDLY EVINCED INTEREST IN FURTHER DISCUSSION. SOURCE DID NOT CITE BASIS FOR STORY. WITHOUT ALLUDING TO REPORT ON LEBURTON CONVERSATION, EMBOFF ASKED FONOFF ME DIRECTOR AUGUST 28 WHETHER LIBYANS HAD APPROACHED BELGIANS RE SALE OF NATIONALIZED OIL.DIRECTOR SAID HE KNEW OF NO SUCH CONTACT WITH GOVERNMENTAL OR PRIVATE CIRCLES. IF SUCH CONTACT WERE TO TAKE PLACE, HE SAID, IT WOULD LIKELY BE WITH BELGIAN BUSINESS. CROWLEY

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